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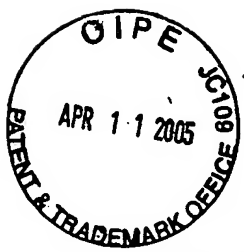
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Applicants previously received an Office Action dated October 1, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application.

The Office Action related to a Non-Compliant Amendment. Also in the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the Declaration from Mr. Ken McKibben was incomplete, in that it did not appropriately identify the citizenship of Mr. McKibben.

Applicants prepared and filed a Response to the Office Action. The Response was mailed on April 1, 2005. In the Response, the Applicants submitted what they believe is a compliant Amendment, and stated that a complete Declaration would be executed and forwarded to the Patent Office within the next week. Also on April 1, Applicants' Attorney, Thomas L. Lockhart, had a telephone conference with the Examiner, Dr. Kevin Kerns. During the telephone conference, Attorney Lockhart explained that the Declaration would be forthcoming, and Attorney Lockhart believes that Dr. Kerns agreed to the delay in forwarding the completed Declaration.

This Response encloses the completed Declaration, executed by Mr. McKibben and properly identifying the citizenship of Mr. McKibben.

With this Declaration, Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of allowability is respectfully requested. Should any questions arise in connection with the above, please contact Thomas L. Lockhart at the telephone number of (616) 336-6000.

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